

Washington, DC (November 14, 2011) -- U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) released the following statement today in response to reports that the U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case challenging the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:

“I am confident that the Supreme Court will uphold the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act and finally put to rest the constant, partisan attacks against a landmark law that will make affordable, high-quality care available to millions of Americans.

Last week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled the Affordable Care Act constitutional and Judge Laurence Silberman wrote that Congress should be free to ‘forge national solutions to national problems.’ With President Obama’s leadership, Congressional Democrats enacted the most ambitious health reform in half a century -- ending insurance industry abuses, improving Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the disabled, and covering the uninsured. Opponents of the Affordable Care Act who tried to prevent its passage in Congress are now trying to prevent its implementation through legal challenges.

A positive decision by the nation’s highest court in the land will resolve any doubts that Congress can and should act to ensure that Americans get the health care they need at a price they can afford. It will allow us to move forward and maintain our commitment to real health care security. ”

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